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## AMERICAN NOTE FLATLY REJECTS DEMANDS MADE BY CARRANZA

DE FACTO GOVERNMENT WARNED IF IT CONTINUES TO IGNORE OBLIGATIONS, GRAVEST CONSEQUENCES WILL FOLLOW.

American Note Handed to Arredondo Today, tells Carranza that While United States Would Deeply Regret Trouble with Mexico, this Government Cannot Recede from its Settled Determination of Maintaining Its National Rights and Performing its Duty in Resenting a Further Invasion of the United States and Removing the Peril which Americans Along the Border Have Endured—Warning Given that United States Troops Will Remain in Mexico Until Such Time as the De Facto Government Performs the Duty Which the United States has a Right in Pursuing the Bandits—Says Press of Mexico is Favoring to Inflamm Two Peoples Against Each Other

Washington, D. C., June 20.—The American note flatly rejecting the Carranza demand for withdrawal of the American soldiers and rebuking the Carranza government for its discourteous tone and temper, is the last communication handed to Arredondo, Carranza's Washington representative, today. The note is of considerable length, containing more than five thousand words.

The note concludes with the statement that if the de facto government continues to ignore its obligations and carries out the threat to defend its territory by an appeal to arms against the American troops, the gravest consequences will follow. "While this government would deeply regret such a result," the note says, "it cannot recede from its settled determination to maintain national rights and perform its duty in resenting a further invasion of the territory of the United States and removing the peril which Americans along the international boundary have borne so long with patience and forbearance."

The continued outrages against Americans and their property both in Mexico and on the border are reviewed in the note, and the warning is given that the troops will be kept in Mexico until such time as the de facto government performs its duty which the United States has sought of pursuing the bandits.

"I am reluctant to be forced to the conclusion which might be drawn from the circumstances," Lansing declares, "that the de factos in spite of the promises committed and the sinister designs of Villa and his followers did not intend now that these laws should be captured, destroyed and disposed by American troops, or the request of this government by American troops."

The purpose of the United States toward Mexico, questioned in the last American note, are announced in the following language: "If a denial is made that this government has ulterior motives in the diplomatic relations or has countenanced the activities of American sympathizers and interventionist press, I'm glad to emphatically deny it. It is, however, common knowledge that the United States press is endeavoring to make the two people against each other."

At the outset of the note, Lansing would be lacking in candor before answering the first chief communication, he did not express surprise and regret at the discourteous tone and temper of the last communication. The note then commenced to review briefly the events in Mexico of the last three years of civil war, "which the United States has witnessed with deep regret," in which

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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
New Orleans, La., June 20.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is generally fair; slightly cooler tonight.  
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## HOTEL STOCK IS NEARLY ALL SUBSCRIBED

AT A MEETING TODAY ACCOUNTS WERE CHECKED AND FOUND TO BE VERY LITTLE SHORT OF REQUIRED AMOUNT.

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Two thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars stands between Ardmore and a new hotel. It is up to volunteers to come forward and subscribe that amount at once. The \$2,975 should be subscribed before twenty-four hours. The money must be paid in—every cent of Ardmore's stock, on or before July 15. The four banks are the trustees of the fund. Let every patriot get busy today.  
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At the meeting of the hotel committee today every subscription to the proposed one hundred and seventy-five thousand-dollar hotel company was checked up and it was found that a mediocre amount stood between the city and closing up the deal. Some of the heavy subscribers doubled their subscriptions, and others raised it, and at the close of the meeting Chairman S. A. Apple gave out the following statement:

"I wish I could authorize you to say that the money was raised or at least in sight. We tried to do this, and have been working for the past three hours, and still there lacks \$2,975. I believe there are still plenty of men who will not hesitate to subscribe and that this amount will be raised within the next twenty-four hours."

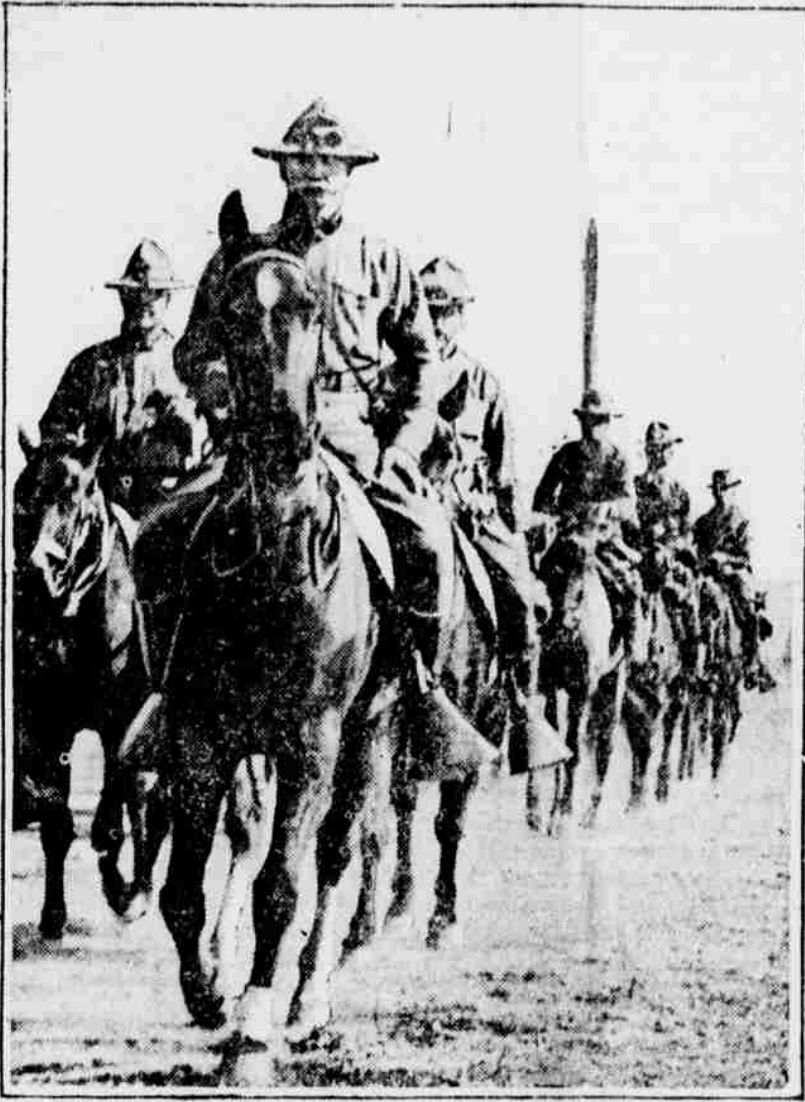
### BIG HOLSTEIN BULL BESTS FORD RUNABOUT.

Muskogee, Okla., June 19.—A big Holstein bull and a Ford runabout fought a duel in a pasture about three miles southeast of Muskogee this afternoon and the Ford came out second best.

After Monte Cottingham, former county jailer, acting as toreado, had succeeded in driving the bull away with a club, he found that his Ford's injuries consisted of a broken fender, demolished headlights and numerous bruises about the body. The bull was uninjured. Cottingham was making his first trip to his farm in the Ford when the bull attacked him.

**Leecraft Gets New Job.**  
Mr. Leecraft, who has been secretary to the governor of Oklahoma since Governor Williams took office a year and a half ago, has been appointed member of the state board of public affairs, effective July 1. He will succeed S. L. Morley of Hartshorne, who goes to the state penitentiary at McAlester as warden. Mr. Leecraft has been a resident of Bryan county, Oklahoma, and Grayson county, Texas, for a number of years. His circle of acquaintances in both Texas and Oklahoma is large.

## CAVALRYMEN GUARD LONG LINE MENACED BY MEXICAN SOLDIERS.



OFFICERS LEADING TROOPERS IN MEXICO.....

The truculent attitude of General Carranza, de facto president of Mexico, asserting that a move by the American troops in any direction but north would invite attack, called attention to the long line of communication and supplies between Columbus, N. M., and Namiquipa, Mexico. This line is about 200 miles long. It must be guarded if serious peril to the American forces in Mexico is to be averted. Picture shows officers leading cavalrymen in line of march. At their head is Colonel Tate of the Eleventh cavalry.

## TO MOBILIZE IN OKLAHOMA CITY GERMANS THREE TIMES REPULSED

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD IS ORDERED TO MOBILIZE IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

## TO USE FAIR GROUNDS RUSSIANS CHECKED

State Fair Grounds at Oklahoma City Will Be Used as Mobilization Point — Governor Says All Will Be There by Friday Morning.

Oklahoma City, June 20.—Oklahoma City was selected as the mobilization point for the thirteen hundred national guardsmen of this state today.

Adjutant General Canton immediately ordered the several companies to entrain for Oklahoma City. Governor Williams said that the entire guard would be under canvas at the camp, which will be at the state fair grounds by Friday morning.

**Ardmore Boys to Durant.**  
Harold Hignight, Harry Bryant, Emmett Sanders, and Dennis Camp left Ardmore this morning for Durant, where they will join their company for service on the Mexican border. They were all in high spirits, and hope to soon be in actual service in Mexico.

### ARMY ROAD INTO MEXICO.

**U. S. to Build Highway to Military Camp in Interior.**  
Chicago, June 19.—Preparations for the shipment of road building material to Columbus, N. M., where it is understood army engineers are to begin work immediately on the construction of a military road to the United States army camp in Mexico, a distance of 120 miles, were today made by Major K. J. Hampton, acting quartermaster of the central department of the army. The road building equipment will include four tractors, four graders, eighteen dump wagons, scrapers and other implements. In addition to these, sixty-six motor trucks for transportation service were started on the way to the border.

## FUNSTON ASKS DEPARTMENT TO SEND MILITIA SOON AS POSSIBLE

STATE MILITIA ORDERED OUT SUNDAY BY PRESIDENT NEEDED AT ONCE BY FUNSTON TO PATROL BOUNDARY LINE.

Although Not Making Public the Number of Militiamen Desired, Funston Said he Wanted Enough to Patrol the Border from Brownsville to the Pacific Coast—Although No Developments Have Occurred at Del Rio Today, it is Believed Attack There from Mexican Side is Imminent, and Precautions are Being Taken—Special Agent Rogers Notifies Washington He Has Secured Special Train to Take Americans from Mexico City to Vera Cruz—Body of American Found in Rio Grande on Mexican Side Today, Near Brownsville—Believed Victim of Murderers at Matamoros on Mexican Side, Where He was Last Seen Saturday, and Body Thrown into the River.

## PREPARING FOR WORK AT FAIR GROUNDS

AT THE FAIR GROUNDS—LUMBER MUST BE SECURED AND WORK MUST BEGIN SOON IN ORDER TO GET READY.

Secretary West stated yesterday that an effort must be made soon to secure lumber for the erection of suitable buildings at the fair grounds in order to have everything in readiness for the opening date. A deal is pending for the lumber in the tabernacle at the corner of Broadway and C streets. If this is secured it will go a long way toward erecting the exhibition hall. The association has contracted for the lumber in the new ball park and this will be used toward making the stalls and stables for stock.

A grandstand must be erected, but there are some hopes that the big stand at Lorena park may be secured. If not a new stand will be erected. There is but little time remaining now for all this work to be done. As soon as the hotel matter is settled it will be taken in hand and the buildings erected. After the first year the secretary states that the buildings can be added to from the profits from concessions, and within five years permanent structures will be erected.

### EXHUME CONVICTS BODY POISON RUMORS HEARD.

McAlester, June 19.—Because of suspicions of a poisoning plot, raised by stories which have been sent to the outside world, convict prison officials have had the body of William Irwin, life term, who died last month, exhumed. Parts of the brain, heart and stomach have been removed and sent to Dr. Edwin DeBarr, state chemist, for analysis. Irwin was poisoned, according to the rumor, in connection with the issuance of a forged "confession" from him taking all the blame for dynamiting the Sells home in Muskogee county and relieving Doc Allen, who is also serving a life term in the same case, of all blame.

Henry Starr, W. H. Wainright and Allen are accused of being implicated in the plot to get Irwin out of the way. Prison officials at first scouted the idea of the poisoning and then to clear up the case asked county officers for a coroner's jury. The jury viewed the body as the parts were being removed, looked over the specimens sent to the state chemist and will assemble again when Doctor DeBarr reports, to pass upon the cause of the death.

L. D. Pollock is here from Electra visiting with his father, T. J. Pollock. He came through the country in his car. Mr. Pollock for the past three years has been with the Producers Oil Company in the Electra field and is delighted with his work.

America will build five battleships in one year. In the North Sea last week five battle cruisers were sunk in one day.

San Antonio, Tex., June 20.—General Funston today requested the war department to send him a large militia unit to patrol the Mexican boundary "from Brownsville to the Pacific coast."

He did not make public the number requested, but said he wanted enough.

**No Developments at Del Rio.**  
Del Rio, Tex., June 20.—Although nothing reliable has developed today in the expected attack upon this town by 1,500 Mexicans and Yaqui Indians, from the interior of Mexico, the uneasiness at Las Vacas, opposite here, has caused officers to believe that an attack is actually imminent. Precautions are being taken accordingly.

**Train for the Americans.**  
Washington, D. C., June 20.—Special Agent Rogers, at Mexico City notified the state department today that he is arranging for a special train to take Americans to Vera Cruz.

**Find Body of American.**  
Brownsville, Tex., June 20.—The body of William Brown, brother of Mayor William Brown, was found today in Rio Grande river on the Mexican side, ten miles south of Matamoros. Brown was last seen at Matamoros Saturday afternoon. It is believed he was murdered and his body thrown into the river.

**Situation is Unchanged.**  
Washington, June 20.—After today's cabinet meeting, Secretary Lansing said the Mexican situation is unchanged.

**Hunger Swells Army Ranks.**  
El Paso, Tex., June 20.—Hunger is swelling the ranks of Carranza's new army, according to Americans arriving here today, who said that old men unable to stand erect and ten-year-old boys were joining the army of promises of food and clothing.

**Pershing forces Issue.**  
Columbus, N. M., June 20.—General J. J. Pershing, who commands the American expeditionary force in Mexico, has sent cavalry detachments south and west of Namiquipa base in pursuit of bands of Mexican raiders, according to reliable reports received here. It was asserted that Pershing received reports of the presence of the bandits almost simultaneously with General Trevino's warning that any movement other than toward the border would be considered a hostile act. Pending receipt of advices from General Funston, he gave no orders to give chase until yesterday. While some anxiety is expressed here over the move, it was believed that General Trevino will not seize upon it as an excuse for attacking the detachments. A motor truck train, two miles long, left here yesterday carrying ammunition and supplies to the American base.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard until lately under so lax a guard that spies of foreign governments would have had little difficulty in obtaining entrance, will be put on something like a war basis. Workmen will wear identification badges bearing their names, numbers and trades. Thus strangers may be readily picked out.